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Mr. Allen W. Dulles  
Director of Central Intelligence  
2430 E Street N.W.  
Washington, D.C.

Dear Mr. Dulles:

We have in our organization a position of Special Assistant to the Director of the Guided Missiles Division. This is a civilian GS-15 Aeronautical Research and Development billet and is occupied by Mr. Laurence H. Cherry.

Included in Mr. Cherry's duties is that of consultant to the Division Director, the Assistant Chief of the Bureau for Research and Development and the Chief of the Bureau. It is Mr. Cherry who is expected to have knowledge of the most recent information concerning guided missile developments anywhere in the world. He has a TOP SECRET clearance, and is a U.S. citizen.

Mr. Cherry has found that there is almost no information available on foreign guided missile development outside the United Kingdom. Believing there may possibly be additional information available outside our sources, we would like to request that Mr. Cherry be allowed to visit your agency for the purpose of reviewing information on guided missile development.

If Mr. Cherry, who has had eight and one-half years of guided missile engineering experience can be of any assistance to your agency in orienting and evaluating information he will be available as much as his other duties will permit.

Should this request be approved, security clearances will be provided through official channels.

OSD has no objection to  
declassification and release.

Sincerely yours,

ROBERT A. HATCHER  
Director  
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OSD review(s) completed.